

Table 19. U.S. Refiner Residual Fuel Oil Prices

(Cents per Gallon Excluding Taxes)

| Year Month | Sulfur Less Than or Equal to 1 Percent | | Sulfur Greater Than 1 Percent | | Average | |
|-----------------|---|---------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| | Sales to End Users | Sales for Resale | Sales to End Users | Sales for Resale | Sales to End Users | Sales for Resale |
| 1978 | 31.4 | 29.3 | 27.5 | 24.5 | 29.8 | 26.3 |
| 1979 | 46.8 | 45.0 | 38.9 | 36.6 | 43.6 | 39.9 |
| 1980 | 67.5 | 60.8 | 52.3 | 47.9 | 60.7 | 52.8 |
| 1981 | 82.9 | 74.8 | 67.3 | 62.2 | 75.6 | 66.3 |
| 1982 | 74.7 | 69.5 | 61.1 | 57.2 | 67.6 | 61.2 |
| 1983 | 69.5 | 64.3 | 61.1 | 59.1 | 65.1 | 60.9 |
| 1984 | 72.0 | 68.5 | 65.9 | 63.9 | 68.7 | 65.4 |
| 1985 | 64.4 | 61.0 | 58.2 | 56.0 | 61.0 | 57.7 |
| 1986 | 37.2 | 32.8 | 31.7 | 28.9 | 34.3 | 30.5 |
| 1987 | 44.7 | 41.2 | 39.6 | 36.2 | 42.3 | 38.5 |
| 1988 | 37.2 | 33.3 | 30.0 | 27.1 | 33.4 | 30.0 |
| 1989 | 43.6 | 40.7 | 34.4 | 33.1 | 38.5 | 36.0 |
| 1990 | 50.5 | 47.2 | 40.0 | 37.2 | 44.4 | 41.3 |
| 1991 | 40.2 | 36.4 | 30.6 | 29.2 | 34.0 | 31.4 |
| 1992 | 38.9 | 35.1 | 31.2 | 28.6 | 33.6 | 30.8 |
| 1993 | 39.7 | 33.7 | 30.3 | 25.6 | 33.7 | 29.3 |
| 1994 | 40.1 | 34.5 | 33.0 | 28.7 | 35.2 | 31.7 |
| 1995 | | | | | | |
| January | 46.0 | 39.1 | 37.9 | 33.3 | 40.2 | 36.6 |
| February | 43.7 | 37.1 | 38.2 | 33.3 | 39.8 | 35.4 |
| March | 43.4 | 38.3 | 39.6 | 35.2 | 40.5 | 37.0 |
| April | 42.6 | 36.8 | 39.6 | 36.1 | 40.3 | 36.5 |
| May | 43.6 | 40.4 | 41.7 | 37.3 | 42.2 | 38.8 |
| June | 45.1 | 39.9 | 41.3 | 36.9 | 42.1 | 38.7 |
| July | 42.9 | 36.8 | 36.4 | 32.5 | 38.1 | 35.3 |
| August | 39.1 | 35.5 | 33.7 | 29.8 | 35.1 | 33.1 |
| September | 39.0 | 36.4 | 34.0 | 30.4 | 35.1 | 33.8 |
| October | 41.7 | 35.3 | 34.5 | 32.4 | 35.9 | 34.1 |
| November | 43.4 | 36.6 | 35.5 | 31.8 | 37.4 | 34.4 |
| December | 49.2 | 44.7 | 40.5 | 36.0 | 43.2 | 40.6 |
| 1995 | 43.6 | 38.3 | 37.7 | 33.8 | 39.2 | 36.3 |
| 1996 | | | | | | |
| January | 54.8 | 49.9 | 44.7 | 38.0 | 47.9 | 45.2 |
| February | 53.2 | 42.6 | 41.7 | 36.8 | 44.9 | 40.1 |
| March | 51.9 | 47.1 | 42.1 | 36.0 | 44.7 | 42.0 |
| April | 51.1 | 48.3 | 43.0 | 39.9 | 45.1 | 43.7 |
| May | 51.1 | 45.0 | 41.4 | 36.9 | 43.3 | 41.0 |
| June | 47.3 | 40.4 | 38.4 | 35.0 | 40.8 | 37.4 |
| July | 48.6 | 41.4 | 38.7 | 37.3 | 41.0 | 38.9 |
| August | 49.8 | 41.9 | 39.5 | 37.2 | 42.0 | 39.0 |
| September | 51.2 | 42.6 | 43.2 | 40.3 | 44.9 | 41.2 |
| October | 54.7 | 47.8 | 47.1 | 43.1 | 48.5 | 45.0 |
| November | 57.0 | 49.2 | 48.0 | 44.5 | 49.7 | 46.3 |
| December | 58.6 | 51.4 | 47.5 | 43.0 | 49.9 | 46.0 |
| 1996 | 52.6 | 45.6 | 43.3 | 38.9 | 45.5 | 42.0 |
| 1997 | | | | | | |
| January | 58.7 | 46.2 | 46.3 | 39.2 | 49.2 | 42.9 |
| February | 54.6 | 43.7 | 41.8 | 35.4 | 45.0 | 39.4 |
| March | 49.3 | 39.6 | 37.6 | 34.1 | 40.3 | 35.8 |
| April | 46.4 | 37.6 | 37.5 | 35.2 | 39.7 | 36.1 |
| May | 45.3 | 36.6 | 38.7 | 35.4 | 40.3 | 35.8 |
| June | 44.5 | 39.4 | 38.7 | 34.8 | 40.1 | 36.7 |
| July | 44.2 | 38.5 | 38.2 | 35.4 | 39.6 | 36.6 |
| August | 44.6 | 39.4 | 39.5 | 37.6 | 40.7 | 38.3 |
| September | 46.4 | 40.1 | 40.1 | 37.6 | 41.4 | 38.7 |
| October | 48.2 | 44.6 | 42.9 | 39.8 | 43.9 | 42.0 |
| November | 51.2 | 46.5 | 43.8 | 41.6 | 45.7 | 43.6 |

Notes: Values shown for the current month are preliminary. Values shown for previous months are revised. Data are final upon publication in the *Petroleum Marketing Annual*.

Sources: Energy Information Administration Form EIA-782A, "Refiners'/Gas Plant Operators' Monthly Petroleum Product Sales Report," January 1983 forward; Form EIA-460, "Petroleum Industry Monthly Report for Product Prices," source for backcast estimates prior to January 1983.